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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Russell G. Higuchi)		Group Art Unit: 1743	
Serial No.: 08/968,208		Examiner: J. Snay	
Filed:	November 12, 1997)	Confirmation Number: 8271	
For:	INSTRUMENT FOR) MONITORING NUCLEIC ACID) AMPLIFICATION	For hand-delivery to Examiner Snay or the Group receptionist on or after October 24, 2003	

Preliminary Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment are:

- (1) a Request for Continued Examination;
- (2) an Information Disclosure Statement as required under 37 CFR § 1.114 (along with its accompanying Substitute Form PTO-1449A and copies of cited references); and
- (3) a Declaration by inventor Russel G. Higuchi under 37 CFR § 1.131 (Exhibit 1).

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